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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6589**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 162

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 18, 2007

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Joint Legal Custody.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Young R

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** No Fiscal Impact

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill establishes a rebuttable presumption that an award of joint legal custody is in the best interest of a child in dissolution of marriage cases. (Under current law an award of joint legal custody is discretionary with the court.) The bill provides that if a party seeks to rebut the presumption that joint legal custody is in the child's best interest, the court shall consider various factors in the determination. It also makes conforming changes. It repeals a provision and relocates its language within the Indiana Code.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2008.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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